

Oak Ridges mourns

Robert Woolley

The community of Oak Ridges is mourning the passing of Robert (Bob) Woolley in York County Hospital, Newmarket. A resident of Sunset Beach Road, Mr. Woolley, 59, was known throughout a wide area as the local representative of Surge milking machines.

He was a charter member of Oak Ridges Lions and served a term as president of that club which was celebrating 25 years of service to the community that evening — Bob Woolley had shared to the full in that quarter century of hard work on behalf of Oak Ridges.

He was also a Freemason and his funeral rites at the Thompson Funeral home in Aurora May 6 were conducted by fellow Masons and attended by fellow Lions as well as many friends from the community. Interment followed in Aurora Cemetery.

Mr. Woolley is survived by his wife, the former Lena Downs, sons Robert, Raymond and Kenneth, eight grandchildren, and his mother, Mrs. Sophia Woolley. Sympathy of the community is extended to members of the family.

Learn art of quilting

Mrs. Daisy McGregor of Richmond Hill will be at the May 22 and 29 meetings of the Time Out-Take-A-Break group, which meets in St. Paul's United Church at 1 pm, to instruct the young women in the art of quilting. Crochet classes will conclude May 15.

These are the final sessions for this season. The group will reconvene in the fall.

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New auxiliary officers

The Ladies' Scouting Auxiliary meets (tonight) Wednesday at the home of President Johanna Vahle, 68 Bond Crescent, at 8 pm.

New officers will be sworn in and the flag ceremony will be revived.

End of season dance

Oak Ridges Minor Hockey Association will hold their "Last Dance" of the season May 17 in the Lions Den, Bond Lake Arena. Dancing to the music of DJ Don Holgate from 8 to 1 am.

Tickets are \$6 per couple and include a buffet supper. They are available by calling Don Catton at 773-5912.

The hockey association's banquet will be held earlier the same day (from 1 to 4 pm) at Our Lady of the Annunciation School. It is for players, coaches, managers and trainers only. No parents, please.

Ladies' league draw

The Lake Wilcox Ladies Softball League is running a 50-50 draw. Tickets are \$1 each and are available by calling Cindy Smith at 773-5371. The draw will be held May 31 at the Spring Fair!

The ladies will also have a bake table at the fair.

All proceeds go towards purchasing uniforms for the league.

St. John's Anglican

Rev. and Mrs. Earl Gerber will show slides on the Arctic at St. John's Anglican Church, Mono Mills, May 13, at the annual spring meeting of the Tecumseh Deanery ACW.

Whitsunday comes May 18 and marks the 21st anniversary of Rev. Mr. Gerber's ordination to the priesthood.

A special thanksgiving service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in St. John's, Jefferson, at 9:30 am that morning.

Going to blossomland

Winners of the euche held May 7 were Mrs. Viola Judge, Mrs. Ann Hutchinson and Mrs. Mary Brown.

Tickets are still available for the bus trip to blossomland May 21.

Please call Mrs. Dorothy Barnsdale at 773-5593 or Mrs. Gert Connors at 773-4258. Tickets are \$3.50 for members and \$4 for non-members.

The bus leaves at 9 am from the Wheelhouse and goes to Vineland, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Falls. Returning time is approximately 5 pm.

Police week

This is Police Week (May 11-17) Open house is being held at the Oak Ridges Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police. This is your opportunity to visit your friendly local policeman and learn about his work.

By the way

Wednesday (May 8) I saw the first official sign of summer — a very large lady in very short shorts!

Janet says —

A priceless old thing

As it really feels like spring now, and all that nasty white stuff has gone I thought you might all enjoy this poem. It appeared about 45 years ago in a British publication called The London Opinion.

You have to read it with one of those "frightfully" British voices which you don't hear too frequently any more (thank goodness!) to get the full effect.

Terry Thomas (the actor) would do it marvellously, I imagine.

So, for all students of nostalgia . . .

Nature stuff through a monocle
Er — Spring!
You perfectly priceless old thing!
I'm frightfully bucked at the signs that one sees;
The jolly old sap in the topping old trees;
The priceless old lilac, and that sort of rot,
It jolly well cheers up a chap, does it not?
It's so fearfully bright,
So amazingly right
And one feels as one feels if one gets rather tight.
There's a tang in the air,
If you know what I mean,
And the grass as it were,
Is so frightfully green.
We shall soon have the jolly old bee on the wing.
Er — Spring!

MASK dinner dance

The Men of All Saint's King (MASK) outdid themselves at their recent dinner and dance.

Tickets were \$20 a couple and included a steak cooked to your preference by Gene Harris, Harry Ballard and Frank Weis, salads, onion rings, rolls, wine, baked potato and a selection of home baking.

Drinks during the evening were part of the package deal. One problem was in the amount of wine on hand as they ran out towards the end of the dining hour, but this

evening was still great value.

Music was provided by George Cowie and His Orchestra who looked quite "spiffy" in pale blue dress shirts and dark trousers.

There were the usual spot dances. Gay Gordons, and polkas with one spot dance being won by Eunice Martin and her son Bill of St. Margaret's, Nova Scotia, visitors to King City.

Also at the dance were Ethel and Allan Laurence of Ottawa, guests of Hank and Mona Smollet of Banner Lane.

Discipline, signs, guard safety needs

By Janet Russell

Being one of life's innocents I continue to find it amazing how small and crowded the gymnasium at Oak Ridges Public School is on concert nights, and how large and empty it becomes on PTA meeting nights.

Only twenty parents and seven teachers turned out to voice their concern over the traffic and parking situation in the school zone recently.

Vice President Sheelagh Jeffreys of the PTA, who chaired the meeting, told the group that although they had been invited both local councillors and the mayor had previous engagements and could not be present.

School board trustee Bob Houghton was in attendance.

Street safety

Teacher Pat Andrews ran a film called Safety in The Street, by Encyclopaedia Britannica Films.

It was most interesting, pointing out the difficulties drivers have when children act unexpectedly. (I thought it would be an ideal film to show to all the pupils as well.)

Sign needed

One of the concerned parents, Stefano Gaspari, said he thought the municipality should put "School Zone" signs on both Elmgrove and Yonge Streets.

At present the only warning signs are for the school crossing on Yonge and it was

felt, after some general discussion, that signs are needed on Yonge, Maple and Elmgrove, as well as a lowered speed limit on the side streets.

Another concern voiced by a parent was about parents parking haphazardly when they come to the school to pick up their children.

Other concerns voiced were the apparent lack of safety knowledge displayed by the children, bicycle behavior (going against the flow of traffic "for instance") and disregarding signals and signs.

Overcrowding

A great deal of discussion developed regarding student behavior on school buses. Overcrowding is one

problem, it was said, which prompted a member of the audience to ask Trustee Houghton if there are enough buses provided.

He said he thought there are.

Another problem is buses not being on time to pick up the pupils which means that the youngsters are kept waiting for 15 minutes or more, giving them time to engage in roughhousing and get into trouble.

These were all believed to be reasons for the irresponsible behavior of children.

High school level

A driver of a high school bus cited many cases of students having no respect

for traffic and walking straight out in front of cars. There was a great deal of discussion of behavior of students at the high school level.

It was the opinion of everyone present that lack of discipline at the public school age was the main cause of the problems.

As one parent pointed out children need to respect themselves before they respect others — and at the public school level this cannot be achieved if the child is continually made to "evaluate his role in society with relation to his school environment and his peers".

This seems to put too much stress on the child's mind instead of a quick

Discipline needed

Some discussion on discipline ensued with Trustee Houghton mentioning that bussing is a privilege and not a right.

Bus transportation privileges may be withdrawn in the event of misconduct. If they are withdrawn, the parents are responsible for the child's transportation.

Teacher Pat Eliot said she thought any child (whatever age) should be disallowed bus privileges if they misbehave.

The audience agreed. Principal Ed Burlew reported he had several times this year withdrawn bus privileges for certain students.

Crossing guard

Another concern of many, voiced by Teacher Mrs. Marlayne Kraggs was that there should be a crossing guard to stop traffic on Elmgrove for 15 to 20 minutes each day while the children disperse.

The PTA executive agreed to write letters to the Board of Education, the Town of Richmond Hill and to the parents to inform them of the resolutions agreed on.

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